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I trust that, despite your overcrowded agenda, you will be able to give consideration to something that has already gone on much too long.



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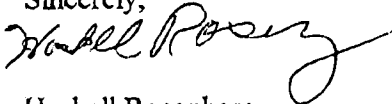
Dear Mr. Ashcroft:

I am writing in support of settling the Microsoft antitrust case according to the settlement agreement negotiated in November. The case should never have been brought in the first place and has resulted in enormous expense to taxpayers and a great waste of everyone's time.

In the settlement agreement Microsoft has made a number of concessions, including the implementation of a uniform price list for the largest computer manufacturers, and an agreement not to take retaliatory action against competing software companies. With these concessions Microsoft has gone far to level the playing field, giving these companies a meaningful opportunity to compete with Windows and with the applications Microsoft writes for it.

Microsoft has earned its dominant position because they earned it in the hurly-burly of the market-place. It ill becomes giving sore losers the opportunity to bring down a company, especially one so important in our "new economy", simply because of its success. It would be better for all parties to see this case resolved. The November settlement agreement is an appropriate way to put an end to at least a portion of this needless litigation.

With best wishes.

Sincerely,

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